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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am concerned with the health and humane consequences of force molting of America's egg-laying hens.

I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

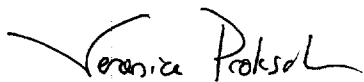
"Research shows that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs." -Peta's Animal Times, Spring '99 issue.

It was banned in Great Britain in 1987 and most European countries protect hens from food deprivation for more than 24 hours due to the extreme cruelty of forced molting. Here, millions of birds suffer intensely and become more sick as no laws protect hens from being force-molted.

I strongly urge you to support docket 98P-0203/CP.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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